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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	10003513-2 7639
Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington VA 22313-1450	First Named Inventor	Peter Webb
	Application Number	10/629,024
	Filing Date	July 28, 2003
	Group Art Unit	1639
	Examiner Name	Mark Shibuya
	Title	Array Fabrication

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the office communication dated January 27, 2006.

In the above referenced office communication, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, requiring the election of the claims of either:

Group I, i.e., Claims 1-16;
Group II, i.e., Claims 17-28 and 32; or
Group III, i.e., Claims 29-31 and 33-34.

for further prosecution in this application.

The Applicants hereby elect Group II with traverse.

The claims of Group I were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application.

The Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to rejoin the claims of Group III with the elected claims of Group II for examination in this application for the following reasons.

The MPEP allows an Examiner to examine otherwise patentably distinct sets of claims if to do so would not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. M.P.E.P. § 8.03 states that:

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If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

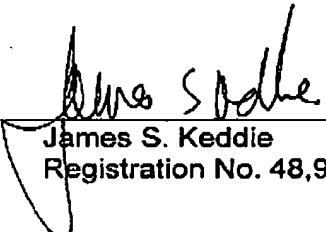
In the present case, the claims of Group II include the elements found in the claims of Group III. As such, the search for the claims of Group II will find any relevant prior art relating to the claims of Group III.

Accordingly, little, if any, additional searching should be required for the claims of Groups II and III. As such, the examination of the claims of Group III together with the claims of elected Group II should impose little, if any, additional burden on the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

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